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MACARTHURFC MATCHDAY PROGRAMME

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V

BRISBANE ROAR FC

FRIDAY 9 APRIL
KICK-OFF 7:05PM
CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM

2020/21 A-LEAGUE LADDER

#		CLUB	P	W	D	L	GF	GA	GA	PTS
1	—	Central Coast Mariners	16	9	3	4	27	19	8	30
2	—	Melbourne City FC	14	9	0	5	30	17	13	27
3	—	Macarthur FC	15	8	2	5	19	19	0	26
4	—	Sydney FC	15	7	4	4	20	13	7	25
5	—	Adelaide United	14	8	1	5	25	23	2	25
6	—	Western Sydney Wanderers FC	16	6	6	4	25	23	2	24
7	—	Western United FC	13	6	2	5	21	19	2	20
8	—	Brisbane Roar FC	13	4	5	4	17	15	2	17
9	—	Perth Glory	14	5	2	7	24	28	-4	17
10	—	Wellington Phoenix	15	4	3	8	23	24	-1	15
11	—	Newcastle Jets	15	3	2	10	12	22	-10	11
12	—	Melbourne Victory	14	2	2	10	13	34	-21	8

PLAYER PROFILE

LOIC PUYO

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO PLAY FOOTBALL IN AUSTRALIA COMPARED TO FRANCE?

The style of football differs quite a bit. One of the main differences being the consistency in intensity. In Australian football, I've found there's no rest. It is constantly full of high intensity whereas in France it is a mix of high and low intensity to give players more of a rest.

WHAT IS IT LIKE TO PLAY FOR AN INAUGURAL CLUB?

It's funny because when I arrived I didn't find it new because the players seemed to get along quite well. When in reality they only knew each other for a few months. This showed that the players were willing to work together. It's also good to be part of creating history.

NAME: Loic Puyo
AGE: 32
POSITION: Midfielder

HOW ARE YOU LIKING AUSTRALIA?

It's really beautiful! It's a pleasure to be living here especially while there is a global pandemic. I feel lucky to be here as we are free to discover Australia without being in lockdown.

FAVOURITE PLACE IN AUSTRALIA SO FAR?

I've gone on quite a lot of adventures while being here. My favourite places so far have been Byron Bay, Jervis Bay and Hamilton Island. I love the beaches here as you can see.

WHICH PLAYER DID YOU IDOLISE AS A KID?

When I was younger I loved Zidane as he is a Frenchman like myself and a genius but I also loved Ronaldo (from Brazil) because I found he was quite dominant in football which I loved.

MW15 MATCH REPORT: BULLS MAKE IT 3 FROM 3 OVER GLORY

Kicking off a run of four home matches in 4 weeks, it was a very Good Friday for Bulls fans, who saw their team claim another three points over Perth Glory, in superb conditions at Campbelltown Stadium.

A first half brace from striker Matt Derbyshire was the difference between the two teams, with the Bulls now sitting outright second on the A-League ladder.

The Bulls opened the scoring after just 10 minutes through a perfectly weighted cross from Beñat, finding the head of Ivan Franjic at the back post, who served it up on a silver platter for Matt Derbyshire to narrowly beat Glory keeper Liam Reddy to the ball, and put it in the back of the net.

Matt Derbyshire celebrates the first of his two goals on Good Friday against Perth at Campbelltown Stadium. Photo: Getty Images

Like a child on a sugar high after eating too many chocolate eggs on Easter morning, the Bulls were full of energy for the entire 90 minutes, dominating possession and applying plenty of pressure to the Glory defence.

It looked as though it would remain 1-nil at the break, before Markel Susaeta went on a damaging run into the box and was fouled by Sebastian Langkamp. Referee Kurt Ams pointed to the spot and Matt Derbyshire had his second right on the stroke of half-time.

Starting the second stanza like they finished the first, the home team pressed hard to extend their lead. Creating plenty of chances, Frenchman Loic Puyo blazed a great opportunity from the edge of the box over the bar, and Markel Susaeta continued to make the Perth defenders nervous with every touch.

Markel Susaeta is bought down in the box by Glory defender Sebastian Langkamp. Photo: Getty images

With the Bulls now the only team in the competition not to concede a goal from penalties or free kicks, and Adam Federici becoming the first goalkeeper this season to keep 6 clean sheets, the Bulls are quickly becoming the hottest ticket in town, having scored 8 goals in their past 3 home matches at Campbelltown.

Macarthur coach Ante Milicic praised his sides effort in the 2-nil Good Friday victory.

“We always say, lets get the performance right. Today we had the same starting 11 for the third match in a row, and now this gives us a platform to build on.”

“We know we can play good football; we just need more consistency and to play our way for longer periods of the game. To have two clean sheets in a row is a pleasing this for us.”

“You know against a side with Castro and Fornaroli you know you’ll never rest for the entire match.”

“I was pleased with what we did with the ball tonight. We really limited their opportunities, and really happy with the way we defended.” Milicic said.

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MILICIC: PLEASED SO FAR, BUT IT'S A WORK IN PROGRESS

Macarthur FC Head Coach Ante Milicic has told the media Wednesday morning, he has been pleased with the way his side has controlled and limited the chances of the Bulls opponents over the past month of football.

As the Bulls look for a club record 4 straight wins against Brisbane Roar on Friday night, Milicic said he has been delighted with the progress his team had made during the opening half of the season.

"The main thing is the performance. It's still a work in progress and understanding player strengths is key, however when you are winning, it builds confidence and the players enjoy their football. I'm pleased with the progress we've made in the last month."

With 8 wins, 2 draws and 5 defeats this season, having already secured maximum points over Wellington Phoenix, Western United and Perth Glory in recent weeks, Milicic said it's a continuous process, but have already achieved some goals.

"We wanted to be the new team in the league that's competitive and I believe we've done that."

"The group of players we have at this football club have extremely high standards. We know we need to continuously work hard to achieve that benchmark and that is something the players have been strong and vocal with."

Claiming a 2-0 victory over the Roar last time these two teams met in match week 7, Milicic acknowledged Friday's match would be a difficult assignment.

"We're in a good frame of mind now we're back at home. We are playing an impressive Brisbane side who created their fair share of clear cut chances against the Wanderers last weekend. They were unlucky not to get more from that game. They've got a lot of mobility; we know it'll be a difficult game."

"I've been pleased with the way we have controlled the games and limited the chances of our opponents recently."

"We've got a lot of areas to work on. It's been a good few weeks for us, but we need to build on that platform if we want to continue picking up results." Milicic said.

MACARTHUR SQUARE - LEVEL 3 - NEAR THE FOOD COURT

FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL PREVIEW

Credit: Matthew Comito

Macarthur FC will look to build on a three-game winning streak in Matchweek 16, playing host to Brisbane Roar at Campbelltown Stadium on Friday, April 9 (kick-off 7.05pm AEST).

The Bulls won 2-0 over Perth Glory in Matchweek 15 to secure a club-record third A-League win on the bounce - a figure Ante Milicic will hope his side can build on to further entrench the club in the top four on the table.

Macarthur will face a Brisbane side bereft of confidence on an eight-game winless run. Warren Moon's side won four of their first five fixtures of the campaign before embarking on the uninspiring streak of results - sparked by a 2-0 defeat to the Bulls in Matchweek 7.

It's been slim pickings for Brisbane in attack of late. The Roar's last four games have produced just three goals for and four against as the Queenslanders notched up three 1-1 draws and one 1-0 loss. The last time Brisbane scored more than one goal in an A-League game was in the last of their four wins for the season: a five-goal haul against Melbourne Victory.

Matt Derbyshire comes into the game after scoring twice against Perth to take his goal tally to 10 for the season, just three behind Jamie Maclaren who leads the Golden Boot race. Derbyshire netted his second goal of the season against Brisbane last time out, sparking a four-game run in which the Englishman bagged six goals.

Last match against Brisbane, Matt Derbyshire celebrating the final goal

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THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

Macarthur FC head coach Ante Milicic has named his squad for tomorrow evenings clash with Brisbane Roar.

Securing maximum points from the last three outings, the Bulls will be aiming for a club record four wins from four matches on Friday night against the Roar.

With only one change to the match day squad following last week's victory over Perth Glory, Ivan Franjic has been ruled out with a minor calf strain. Charles M'Mombwa, Liam Rose and Michael Ruhs have all been included in the match day squad after solid performances in the past few weeks for the clubs NPL outfit Northbridge Bulls.

Mark Milligan in action at our last game against Brisbane Roar

THIS WEEKS PLAYING SQUAD

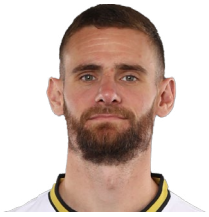
1. FEDERICI (GK)

3. GOLEC

4. BEÑAT

5. MILLIGAN (C)

6. JOVANOVIC



8. GENREAU

9. POPOVIC

10. PUYO

11. OAR

12. MEREDITH

15. SUSNJAR

16. SUMAN (GK)

19. RUHS

21. HOLLMAN

22. ROSE

24. M'MOMBWA

27. DERBYSHIRE

29. MARTIS

31. LA. ROSE

33. SUSAETA

BRISBANE ROAR A-LEAGUE SQUAD

1	MACKLIN FREKE (GK)
2	SCOTT NEVILLE
3	COREY BROWN
5	TOM ALDRED (C)
6	MACAULAY GILLESPHEY
8	DANNY KIM
9	MASATO KUDO
10	RIKU DANZAKI
11	JOE CHAMPNESS
15	JESSE DALEY
16	JOSHUA BRINDELL-SOUTH
17	GOLGOL MEBRAHTU
21	JAMIE YOUNG (GK)
23	DYLAN WENZEL-HALLS
25	RAHMAT AKBARI
26	JAY O'SHEA
27	KAI TREWIN
29	JORDAN COURTNEY-PERKINS
34	ALEX PARSONS
77	SCOTT MCDONALD

APRIL MATCHES

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MACARTHUR FC V NEWCASTLE UNITED JETS

CAMPBELLTOWN STADIUM
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